

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Department of Health Care Finance



## District of Columbia (DC) Medicaid Coverage for Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrants

D.C. Medicaid provides comprehensive health coverage at no cost to individuals and families. Medicaid benefits include doctor visits, hospitalization, laboratory services, prescriptions, transportation, and much more.

Individuals and family members granted Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visas (SIV) meet eligible immigration status requirements to apply and qualify for Medicaid if all other requirements are met. Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrants may provide proof of their status by submitting their immigration documentation (such as a Lawful Permanent Resident Card or I-94) listing their SQ or SI status type.

Iraqi and Afghan special immigrants do not need to meet a waiting period to apply for Medicaid and may immediately apply for coverage.

To qualify for D.C. Medicaid, you must be a District resident. There is no age requirement to apply for or qualify for Medicaid.

There are income requirements for the Medicaid Program which are based on eligibility category:

Medicaid Eligibility Category	Income Limit
<i>Adults without Dependent Children (age 21-64)</i>	215% federal poverty level (FPL) – up to \$2,307.67/month (individual) or \$3,121.08 (couple)
<i>Children (newborn-18) and Pregnant Women</i>	324% FPL – up to \$5,929.20/month (household of 3)
<i>Parent/Caretaker Relatives and Individuals (age 19-20)</i>	221% FPL- up to \$4,044.30/month (household of 3)
<i>Aged (65 years and older), Blind or Disabled</i>	100% FPL – up to \$1,073 (individual) or \$1,452 (couple); Asset Limit of \$4,000 (individual) or \$6,000 (couple)

*Note: Income limit increases with household size. Figures are based on 2021 Federal Poverty Limit.*

### How to Apply for Coverage:

**Online:** Visit [www.DCHealthLink.com](http://www.DCHealthLink.com), or download the “District First” app in the Apple or Google Play stores.

**By Phone:** Call the DC Health Link Customer Service at 1-855-532-5465.

**By Mail or Fax:** Submit a completed application from [www.DCHealthlink.com](http://www.DCHealthlink.com) by fax to 202-671-4400 or by mail to:  
Department of Human Services  
Economic Security Administration  
Case Record Management Unit  
P.O. Box 91560  
Washington, DC 20090

**In-Person:** Visit a service center with all documentation. Service centers are open 7:30-4:45 Monday-Friday. For more information, visit [dhs.dc.gov/service/find-service-center-near-you](http://dhs.dc.gov/service/find-service-center-near-you).

### Application Process:

1. Complete all questions on the application. For the question regarding immigration status, enter your special immigration status.
2. The eligibility system will attempt to verify your immigration status electronically. If information cannot be verified electronically, documentation may be required.
3. The Department of Human Services will process the application. It may take up to 45 days for a determination.
4. The Department of Human Services will issue an eligibility determination notice by mail to the listed address on the application.